Assembly Resolution No. 1189

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COMMEMORATING the 10th Anniversary of the Broome County Regional Farmers Market

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses that contribute substantially to the economic vitality of their communities, thereby enhancing the economic well-being of the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Broome County Regional Farmers Market; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, the Broome County Regional Farmers Market was established through Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County as a regional hub for locally grown and produced food in the Greater Binghamton area; and

WHEREAS, Now entering its 10th season, the Market connects residents with farmers, food-based businesses, and agricultural producers from across the region, strengthening local food systems and the regional agricultural economy; and

WHEREAS, The Market participates in nutrition incentive programs, providing access to locally grown food for income-eligible shoppers throughout Broome County; many of the Market's food-based businesses are supported by Cornell Cooperative Extension's Incubator Kitchen which provides local food entrepreneurs with a licensed facility to produce the goods they contribute; and

WHEREAS, Mindful of wastefulness, at the close of each market day, participating vendors donate unsold products to Binghamton Food Rescue, ensuring that fresh food reaches community members in need; and

WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County manages the Market's operations and connects this integral part of the community to broader food systems programming, including Grown in Broome and agricultural education initiatives; and

WHEREAS, It is with immense pride that the hard-working and dedicated members of the Broome County Regional Farmers Market celebrate this milestone 10th Anniversary and anticipate continued success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Broome County Regional Farmers Market; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to the Broome County Regional Farmers Market.